

11/2013 – 05/2014 Period Activities Report

Dear Members,

After our 6th.GENERAL Assembly in November 2013, the main subject of our activities was to participate in the protest against a planned structure in the form of a Sea Turtle at İztuzu Beach which was announced by Dekamer in October 2013. We participated in eight meetings in Dalyan and made several visits as described below. In addition we concentrated on the certification of boat propeller guards by Turkish Lloyd with a new test program.

In brief:

November:

* On November 4th, together with a total of 23 legal entities and individuals, an application to the Muğla Administrative Court was made to combat the structures at İztuzu Beach. This was the official launch of the court case against the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization.

* The sixth general assembly was held. The management stayed unchanged. Audition and Annual activity reports were discussed and approved.

* The necessary preparations of the foundations hut at İztuzu Beach for the winter season were made. The gift shop was emptied completely and brought in storage in June's house. The system generating electric energy was moved to Kaptan June's house, too to protect it from the weather and also for security reasons. Batteries were removed and regular charging during the winter was planned.

* For all material and inventory in the hut an audit was performed. Inventories have been updated.

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* December 1st, participation in Christmas and New Year fair in Köyceğiz;

* December 8th participation in Christmas and New Year fair in Fethiye;

* December 16th participation in Christmas and New Year fair in Dalyan;

* At the markets we participated in, we collected signatures for the petition campaign of IKUP and informed people about this issue

* The Board of Directors of the Foundation made a visit to the Muğla Governorship on December 10th, the Foundation's objectives have been described, our reservations concerning İztuzu were expressed

* Captain June's 91 birthday was celebrated with official guests, our members and friends

* Newsletter issue 9 has been published.

January:

* On January 7th a delegation of IKUP including our president visited the Muğla Governor. İztuzu and the building plans were discussed and documentation referring the problems was shared.

* Again in January our president joined IKUP to visit Ortaca Municipality and the Prefect of Ortaca.

* On January 16 another court case was filed by IKUP against the Ministry of Water Affairs and Forestry to stop the planned the structures at İztuzu.

* Thomas Cook travel agency gave the good news that, as discussed at the meeting which took place in October 2013, propeller guards have been installed for their boats in Dalyan and necessary preparations have been completed for the use of electric boats with their tours.

* Journalist Mustafa Saripek has conducted an interview with the president in Dalyan

February:

* On February 16th the 'İztuzu Gathering' organized by IKUP ' against the construction was held to create public awareness.

* Orders were given for material to be sold at the centre during the summer season.

March:

* On March 7th we participated in the meeting called by the Ministry of Environment and Urban Planning, Department Natural Heritage Protection in Akyaka.

* On March 8th the long expected testing of propeller guards by Turkish Lloyd was performed successfully, expecting to receive the result at the end of May.

* We opened a court case on March 20th, to change article 19 and 10 of the foundation's constitution. The first hearing was held and it was decided to consult the General Directorate of Foundations. Date for 2nd hearing is May 13th.

* Thomas Cook travel agency, as discussed at the meeting which took place in October 2013, has prepared a new brochure that promotes our Foundation and offered it to the approval of the Board of Directors.

April:

* Newsletter issue 10 has been published..

* Preparation for the summer season and required maintenance was done at the centre. As of April 25th we began to open regularly.

May:

* On May 7 at June's home in Dalyan a meeting was held to discuss the coming season and a work plan for our volunteer. With the participation of our members, old and new volunteers, our work program was successfully organized.

* On 13 May the second hearing of our court case concerning the change of the 10th and 19th amendments of the constitution took place. Judge asked some documentation to be completed by notary in 2 weeks time , necessary documentation has been delivered to Judge in a week and the case was postponed to 20th July..

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Dalyan, on behalf of the Board of Directors 26/05/2014

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